

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	No. 07 CR 5
	)	Violation:
v.	)	Title 18, United States Code,
ARENDA TROUTMAN	)	Section 666(a)(1)(B)

The SPECIAL SEPTEMBER 2005 GRAND JURY charges:

1. At times material to this indictment:

a. The City of Chicago ("the City") was a unit of local government known as a municipal corporation, and a political subdivision of the State of Illinois. The functions and services provided by the City on behalf of its residents were coordinated through various agencies and departments.

b. One of the City's operational departments was the Chicago Department of Transportation ("CDOT"). One of CDOT's functions was to review requests for "alley access," or authorization to use a city alley for egress and ingress to the parking area of real estate property.

c. Another of the City's operational departments was the Department of Zoning. This department's functions include: enforcing the City's zoning ordinances which govern land use within the City; implementing the City's land use policies; and maintaining and updating the City's official zoning maps.

d. The City's legislative branch of government was the Chicago City Council, which was comprised of fifty City Council members, each of whom represented one

of Chicago's fifty wards, and who were also known as Aldermen. The Aldermen were compensated and publicly elected.

e. It was the practice of Aldermen to issue letters to City departments, such as CDOT and the Department of Zoning, which communicated aldermanic support or non-support for land use requests, and to propose ordinances in the Chicago City Council relating to the granting of alley access, which ordinances would be eventually either approved or rejected by the City Council members. These letters typically were influential in securing the land use requests and grants of alley access endorsed by the letters.

f. Defendant ARENDA TROUTMAN served as the Alderman for the City of Chicago's 20th Ward, having held that position from in or around 1992.

g. Individual A was a person who worked in the real estate field and who, unbeknown to defendant TROUTMAN, was cooperating with law enforcement.

h. The Twentieth Ward Women's Auxiliary was an Illinois corporation, whose articles of incorporation indicated that it was a non-profit entity, and which was part of defendant TROUTMAN's ward organization.

2. Beginning in or about May 2006 and continuing to on or about December 14, 2006, at Chicago, in the Northern District of Illinois and elsewhere,

ARENDA TROUTMAN,

defendant herein, being an agent of the City, corruptly solicited and demanded, and accepted and agreed to accept, things of value from Individual A, namely, \$5,000 cash and a check for \$5,000 payable to the "Twentieth Ward Woman Auxillary," intending to be influenced and

rewarded in connection with a business, transaction and series of transactions of the City involving a thing of value of \$5,000 or more, that is, land-use regulation by the City of the property located at 5730 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, including permission for alley access thereto, for which defendant TROUTMAN issued a letter of support to CDOT and also proposed an ordinance in the Chicago City Council, the City being a local government that received in excess of \$10,000 in federal funding in a twelve-month period from May 1, 2006, to April 30, 2007;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(B).

## FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The SPECIAL SEPTEMBER 2005 GRAND JURY further alleges:

1. The allegations contained in Count One of this indictment are realleged and incorporated herein by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. As a result of her violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(B), as alleged in Count One of the foregoing indictment,

ARENDA TROUTMAN,

defendant herein, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any and all right, title and interest in property, real and personal, which constitutes and is derived from proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the foregoing indictment.

3. The interests of the defendant subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) include but are not limited to all financial benefits and proceeds defendant TROUTMAN received related to her support of alley access for 5730 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, including, without limitation, \$5,000;

4. If any of the property subject to forfeiture and described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- (a) Cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) Has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (c) Has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;

- (d) Has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) Has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property under the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL:

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FOREPERSON

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY